

House Resolution No. 2693

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has brought great commitment and steadfast dedication to the teaching profession; and

Whereas, Douglas Roussin, an esteemed resident of DeSoto, Missouri, will officially retire from the DeSoto 73 School District on June 1, 2004, after a successful career in education that has spanned from 1971 through 2004 and touched the lives of 1,915 students; and

Whereas, Douglas Roussin has played an integral role in the educational development of many Missouri youth as a stellar employee of the DeSoto 73 School District for thirty-three years, during which time he has served as a Fifth and Sixth grade teacher at Athena Elementary School; and

Whereas, throughout his impressive tenure, Douglas Roussin has put forth a tremendous amount of effort in making his a fun and exciting classroom where his students can grow and prosper; and

Whereas, a 1970 and 1971 former Fourth Grade Teacher with the Greenville School District, Douglas Roussin was instrumental in the canned food drive competition with Vineland Elementary School; and

Whereas, in the last three years the Athena campus raised over 43,000 items of canned food for the DeSoto food pantry, and a total of 84,000 canned food items were collected by both the Athena Elementary and Vineland Elementary schools for the DeSoto food pantry; and

Whereas, Douglas Roussin is exceedingly proud of his affiliation with such important organizations as the Missouri State Teachers Association, the National Education Association, and the Civil War Veterans Historical Society; his accomplishments with the canned food drives; and collection of Civil War relics and Grand Army of the Republic memorabilia; and

Whereas, Douglas Roussin has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Kathie Roussin; his two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dean and Sherry Roussin and Donald and Bonnie Roussin; and his sister-in-law, Mary Ann Lodholz:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Douglas Roussin for his thirty-four years of unparalleled service to the DeSoto 73 School District and to the teaching profession, and in wishing him the long, enjoyable retirement he so richly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Douglas Roussin.

Offered by _____
Representative Wes Wagner
District No. 104

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2693, adopted May 5, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker